



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
FOIA Service Center

May 28, 2019

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20002

RE: FOIA Request No. 19-00911-F

Dear Austin Evers:

This letter is an interim response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated February 14, 2019 and received in this office on February 15, 2019. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate offices to search for documents that may be responsive to your request: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Office of Communications & Outreach (OCO), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Career, Technical & Adult Education (OCTAE), Office of Elementary & Secondary (OESE), Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Office of Legislation & Congressional Affairs (OLCA), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Office of Planning Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD), Office of the Secretary (OS), Office of the Under Secretary (OUS) and Office of Special Education Rehabilitative Services (OSERS).

You requested:

- All records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations, memoranda or background material for meetings, or handwritten or typed notes taken during meetings) between any political appointees at your agency and any employee or representative of Ballard Partners, including, but not limited to, any of the following individuals:
 - a) Any individual using an email address ending in ballardfl.com,
 - b) Brian Ballard,
 - c) Sylvester Lukis,
 - d) Susan "Susie" Wiles,
 - e) Dan McFaul,
 - f) Rebecca Benn,
 - g) Justin Sayfie,
 - h) James "Jamie" Rubin,
 - i) Otto Reich,
 - j) Raj Shah,
 - k) Pam Bondi,
 - l) Robert Wexler,
 - m) Jose Felix Diaz,
 - n) Katherine San Pedro,
 - o) Karl Bowers,
 - p) Sara Pennington,
 - q) Hannah Walters, or
 - r) Sara Nuvy.

This response pertains to records available in OESE. Attached to this email are 47 pages of documents responsive your request. The documents provided are:

- Communications between OESE employees, political appointees and representatives of Ballard Partners.

However, certain information has been withheld according to FOIA exemption (b)(6), specified below:

- Records or portions of records relating to personal information is exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6) of the FOIA. Disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Also, the staff in OSERS, OPEPD, OPE, OLCA, OIG, OGC, OCTAE, OCR, OCO, and FSA informed the FOIA Services Center that, after a thorough search of their files, they were unable to locate any documents that were responsive to your request.

At this time, the Department is continuing to process your request and your FOIA request case file remains open. It will not close until the Department provides you with a response regarding outstanding responsive documents. Our final release letter will contain information related to your appeal rights of the agency's decisions.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center at (202) 401-8365 or via e-mail at EDFOIAManager@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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To: Rebecca@ballardfl.com

From: Coxen, Carrie
Sent: 25 Sep 2017 21:54:34 +0000
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No problem!

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- Please arrive no less than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled meeting or event, as you will need to go through airport style security.
- Remember to bring a valid, government issued ID.
- If your group is larger than 10 individuals, names must be submitted 48 hours in advance.
- On arrival, enter the building, check-in with the front desk, and proceed through security. You will be given a badge that must be on you and visible at all times.
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Getting Here by Vehicle

Parking for personal vehicles can requested by your point of contact, however is limited and not guaranteed.

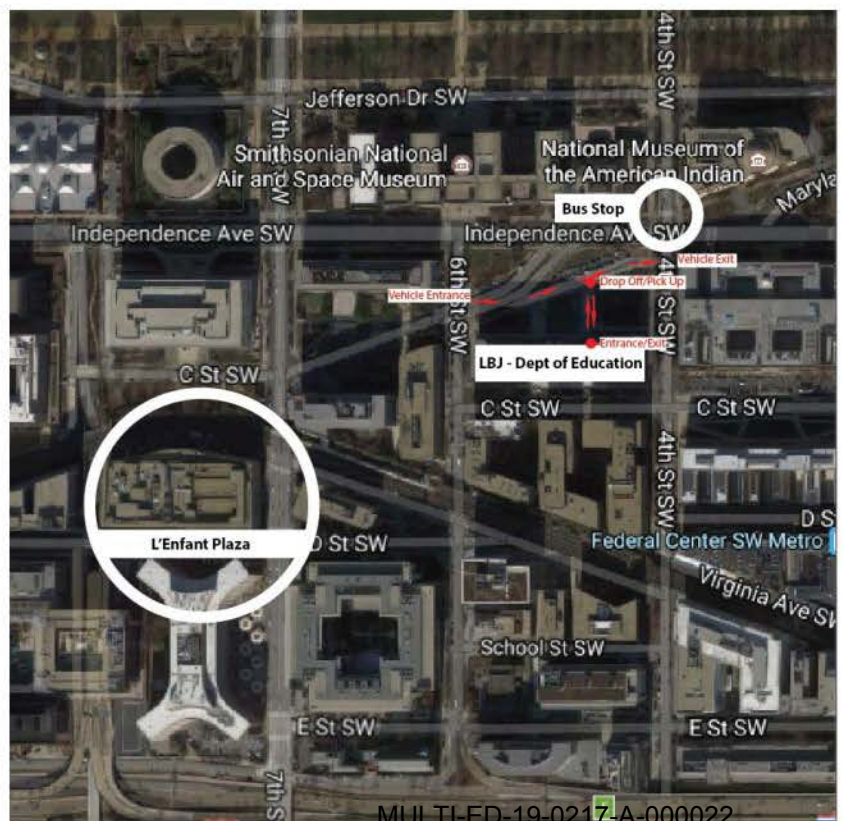
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Cc: Coxen, Carrie
Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

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MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@usdedeop.onmicrosoft.com on behalf of Rebecca Benn

Sent: 23 Sep 2017 16:47:55 +0000

To: Justin Sayfie

Cc: Coxen, Carrie

Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Attachments: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Sender: Rebecca@ballardfl.com

Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Message-Id: <C5971940-5503-4D9C-B6B6-13272D78C5EA@ballardfl.com>

Recipient: Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov

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From:

MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@usdedeop.onmicrosoft.com on behalf of Rebecca Benn

Sent: 25 Sep 2017 22:02:06 +0000

To: Coxen, Carrie

Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Attachments: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Sender: Rebecca@ballardfl.com

Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Message-Id: <F550313C-3DC0-4039-9BD2-77EDC6D43D7C@ballardfl.com>

Recipient: Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov

From: Rebecca Benn
Sent: 25 Sep 2017 22:02:02 +0000
To: Coxen, Carrie
Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Sure thing!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2017, at 5:54 PM, Coxen, Carrie <Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov> wrote:

No problem!

Thanks so much Rebecca :)

From: Rebecca Benn <Rebecca@ballardfl.com>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:45:35 PM
To: Coxen, Carrie
Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Hey Carrie, I'm waiting on a condensed outline to share with Jason before our meeting on Thursday. I hope to have it late tonight or tomorrow. I will share with you as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience!

Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2017, at 5:40 PM, Coxen, Carrie <Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov> wrote:

Thanks so much Rebecca!

Just keep me posted with the list of attendees and any materials.

Greatly appreciated,

Carrie

From: Rebecca Benn <Rebecca@ballardfl.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:13:54 PM
To: Coxen, Carrie
Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Great, I'll send you the information you requested tomorrow. I really appreciate everything!

Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 24, 2017, at 8:47 PM, Coxen, Carrie
<Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov> wrote:

Perfect! I have you confirmed for 10:30AM on Thursday here at the Department.

Would you mind sending me a list of attendees and any materials you would like Jason to see beforehand by Tuesday COB? It would be greatly appreciated.

The U.S. Department of Education is located at 400 Maryland Ave SW, across the street from the Air & Space Smithsonian. The nearest Metro station is L'Enfant Plaza which services the green, yellow, blue, orange, and silver lines. There is no garage parking available for this meeting, but street parking and public parking garages are available in the area.

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Thanks for all your help!!

Carrie

From: Rebecca Benn <Rebecca@ballardfl.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:43:35 PM
To: Coxen, Carrie
Subject: Re: Intro - Justin Sayfie

Yes, 10:30 am on Thursday works great for us!
Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. What
else do you need from my end, aside from names
and titles of the attendees?

Thanks again,
Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 24, 2017, at 8:21 PM, Coxen, Carrie
<Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov> wrote:

-Justin, Thanks! I will work with
Rebecca to find the best time! Moving
you to BCC :)

Rebecca,

Would Thursday 9.28 at 10:30AM work
here at the Department?

Thanks!
Carrie

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Sent: 26 Sep 2017 19:57:00 +0000

To: Rebecca Benn

Subject: Re: Miami-Dade CPS Meeting on Thurs/28th at 10:30am

Attachments: Re: Miami-Dade CPS Meeting on Thurs/28th at 10:30am

Sender: Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov

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To: Rebecca@ballardfl.com

From: Coxen, Carrie
Sent: 26 Sep 2017 19:56:59 +0000
To: Rebecca Benn
Subject: Re: Miami-Dade CPS Meeting on Thurs/28th at 10:30am

Thanks Rebecca!

I didn't see Justin's name on this list. Is he still attending?

Thanks :)
Carrie

From: Rebecca Benn <Rebecca@ballardfl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 3:33:14 PM
To: Coxen, Carrie
Subject: Miami-Dade CPS Meeting on Thurs/28th at 10:30am

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Take care,
Rebecca

From:

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Sent: 26 Sep 2017 20:02:25 +0000

To: Coxen, Carrie

Subject: RE: Miami-Dade CPS Meeting on Thurs/28th at 10:30am

Attachments: RE: Miami-Dade CPS Meeting on Thurs/28th at 10:30am

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Recipient: Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov

From: Rebecca Benn
Sent: 26 Sep 2017 20:02:20 +0000
To: Coxen, Carrie
Subject: RE: Miami-Dade CPS Meeting on Thurs/28th at 10:30am

Unfortunately, no. He had to travel to FL for business and won't make it back in time to join us.

From: Coxen, Carrie [mailto:Carrie.Coxen@ed.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 3:57 PM
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MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@usdedeop.onmicrosoft.com on behalf of Justin Sayfie

Sent: 31 Oct 2017 14:19:44 +0000

To: Pena, Alexandra

Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Attachments: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Sender: justin@ballardfl.com

Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Message-Id: <CAOHzyY-eH8Bv0GxTkxQsQ5izQpAb0DMRe26yAz+1OwYL-WxAcnQ@mail.gmail.com>

Recipient: Alexandra.Pena@ed.gov

From: Justin Sayfie
Sent: 31 Oct 2017 10:19:34 -0400
To: Pena, Alexandra
Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Thank you Alexandra!

On Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 10:15 AM, Pena, Alexandra <Alexandra.Pena@ed.gov> wrote:

Justin,

Sorry for the late response. Unfortunately, Kathleen does not currently have an updated bio. Please know that we are actively working on creating one.

Best,

Alexandra Pena

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O: [202-401-3743](tel:202-401-3743)

E: alexandra.pena@ed.gov

From: Newman, Jessica
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Justin Sayfie
Cc: Delahunty, Sarah; Hill, Paula; Pena, Alexandra
Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Thanks Justin! I'll let Paula and Alexandra answer the Bio questions for you since they work directly with Jim and Kathleen.

From: Justin Sayfie <justin@ballardfl.com>
Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 11:38 AM
To: Newman Jessica <jessica.newman@ed.gov>
Cc: Sarah Delahunty <Sarah.Delahunty@ed.gov>, Paula Hill <Paula.Hill@ed.gov>, Alexandra Pena <Alexandra.Pena@ed.gov>
Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Hello Jessica,

Thank you again for your help with this meeting. We are putting together a briefing book for President Frenk for his meeting, and we have researched the Department's website and couldn't locate a bio for Jim Manning and Kathleen Smith. Would your office be able to provide those bios to me on Monday in anticipation of Tuesday's meeting?

Thank you!

Justin

On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 1:15 PM, Newman, Jessica <Jessica.Newman@ed.gov> wrote:

Thanks so much Justin. When the group checks in they can ask for Paula or Alexandra since this meeting will be in a conference room near Mr. Manning's office. If you have any changes to attendees please let us know!

From: Justin Sayfie <justin@ballardfl.com>
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 4:26 PM
To: Newman Jessica <jessica.newman@ed.gov>
Cc: Sarah Delahunty <Sarah.Delahunty@ed.gov>, Paula Hill <Paula.Hill@ed.gov>, Alexandra Pena <Alexandra.Pena@ed.gov>
Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Hello Jessica,

Thank you again for your help on this.

I would like to confirm the meeting you graciously offered with Jim Manning and Kathleen Smith.

The meeting attendees will be:

University of Miami President Julio Frenk (pronounced Frank)

Rudy Fernandez, Senior Vice President for Public Affairs and Communications

Raena Wright, Associate Vice President, State and Federal Government Affairs

Brian Ballard, Ballard Partners or Rebecca Benn, Ballard Partners

President Frenk is very grateful that Secretary DeVos will be able to come by the meeting to say hello to President Frenk. He is delighted to have that opportunity. Thank you so much for that.

If there is anything else you may need from me, please let me know.

Many thanks again for your assistance on this.

Best regards,

Justin

On Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 4:05 PM, Newman, Jessica <Jessica.Newman@ed.gov> wrote:

Thanks Justin. I would love to set up a meeting for President Frenk to meet with Jim Manning and Kathleen Smith here at the Department. Jim and Kathleen work on Higher Education for the Secretary. We will also plan to have the Secretary come by the meeting to see President Frenk.

Would 2:30pm on Tuesday, October 31 work for his schedule? The address to the department is below. Please send me the names of anyone who President Frenk would like to attend this meeting with him. We have the information below on the what he would like to discuss, so thank you!

Let us know.

Thanks,

Jessica

[400 Maryland Avenue, SW](#)

[Washington, DC 20202](#)

*Entrances on C Street and Maryland Avenue. You will check in with the guest desk after clearing security to be escorted upstairs.

From: Justin Sayfie <justin@ballardfl.com>
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 3:52 PM
To: Newman Jessica <jessica.newman@ed.gov>
Cc: Dougie Simmons <LeeD.Simmons@ed.gov>, Sarah Delahunty <Sarah.Delahunty@ed.gov>, Allen Ernst <Allen.Ernst@ed.gov>
Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Hello Jessica,

Happy Thursday! Just looping back with you on this. Still keeping fingers crossed, but understand if not. Thank you for the consideration!

Best regards,

Justin

On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 12:03 PM, Newman, Jessica <Jessica.Newman@ed.gov> wrote:

Thanks Justin! Hope to have an answer on this later this week.

From: Justin Sayfie <justin@ballardfl.com>
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 11:35 AM
To: Newman Jessica <jessica.newman@ed.gov>
Cc: Dougie Simmons <LeeD.Simmons@ed.gov>, Sarah Delahunty <Sarah.Delahunty@ed.gov>, Allen Ernst <Allen.Ernst@ed.gov>
Subject: Re: University of Miami President Meet with the Secretary?

Good morning Jessica,

I hope you are having a good week. Do you know if the meeting between President Frenk and Secretary DeVos on October 31 is a possibility?

Thank you so much for your help on this!

Justin

On Thu, Oct 5, 2017 at 10:25 PM, Justin Sayfie <justin@ballardfl.com> wrote:

Jessica,

President Frenk would like to introduce himself and the University of Miami to Secretary DeVos in the hopes of establishing open lines of communication; and, discuss general higher education issues. He will not touch anything controversial.

Below is some background information on him. Please let me know if you need anything further to consider his request to meet with Secretary DeVos on the afternoon of Oct. 31.

Thank you!

Justin

A fourth-generation physician whose paternal grandparents fled Germany in the early 1930s to build a new life in Mexico, Julio Frenk catalyzed his deep gratitude for the kindness of strangers into a lifelong mission to improve the health, education, and well-being of people around the world.

Dr. Frenk [became the sixth president](#) of the University of Miami in August of 2015. He also holds academic appointments as Professor of Public Health Sciences at the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine and as Professor of Health Sector Management and Policy at the School of Business Administration.

Prior to joining the University of Miami, he was the dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development, a joint appointment with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Julio Frenk served as the Minister of Health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006. There he pursued an ambitious agenda to reform the nation's health system and introduced a program of comprehensive universal coverage, known as *Seguro Popular*, which expanded access to health care for more than 55 million previously uninsured Mexicans.

He was the founding director-general of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, one of the leading institutions of its kind in the developing world. He also served as executive director in charge of Evidence and Information for Policy at the World Health Organization and as senior fellow in the global health program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among other leadership positions.

Dr. Frenk holds a medical degree from the National University of Mexico, as well as a master of public health and a joint Ph.D. in Medical Care Organization and in Sociology from the University of Michigan. He has received honorary degrees from seven universities.

His scholarly production, which includes over 160 articles in academic journals, as well as many books and book chapters, has been cited more than 15,000 times. In addition, he has written three best-selling novels for youngsters explaining the functions of the human body.

He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, and the National Academy of Medicine of Mexico. He serves on the boards of the United Nations Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He has received numerous recognitions, including the [Clinton Global Citizen Award](#) for changing the way practitioners and policy makers across the world think about health, the Bouchet Medal for Outstanding Leadership presented by Yale University for promoting diversity in graduate education, and the Welch-Rose Award for Distinguished Service from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.

On Wed, Oct 4, 2017 at 3:53 PM, Newman, Jessica <Jessica.Newman@ed.gov> wrote:

Hi Justin,

Thanks for your note. Can you send me some background information on Dr. Frenk and the topics he would like to discuss with the Secretary? We will put this request through our scheduling process and be in touch!

Let me know if you have any questions. I have copied our entire scheduling team on this email.

Thanks,
Jessica

On 10/4/17, 3:23 PM, "Venable, Joshua" <Joshua.Venable@ed.gov> wrote:

>Adding Jessica Newman, our scheduling director.

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>Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Oct 4, 2017, at 11:23, Justin Sayfie <justin@ballardfl.com> wrote:

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>> Good morning Josh,

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>> I hope you are doing well. Thank you again for connecting me to Jason's
>>office. Really appreciate that.

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>> The University of Miami President, Dr. Julio Frenk, will be in
>>Washington DC on October 31. Would it be possible for him to meet with
>>Secretary DeVos in the afternoon on that date? Is there someone I
>>should follow up with in your office for consideration of this request?
>>I am happy to work with them.

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>> Thank you so much!

>> Justin

